



PONY EXPRESS BRANCH 69

Minutes of the BEC Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024

BEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BS Connor Chin, LS Lieutenant Coopwood, Treasurer Hal Copperberg, Assistant Treasurer James Sprifke, Secretary Bernie Moreno, and Assistant Secretary Bob Schrupf. Directors; PBS Ted Patterson, John Popadak, PBS Paul Sickert, Blake Thomson, and PBS Alan Weinel.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Aylett, PBS Jimmy Buckley, Jerry Buhlert, Robert Clanton, PBS Tom Costello, Rick Hom, George Langford, PBS Tom Page, PBS Pat Quinn, PRD & PBS Warren Senegal, PBS Lennie Silva, and PBS Mark Steffens.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Cozine (Transferee), Romano Luchini (Sponsor is Rod Lukins), and Howard Nielsen (Transferee). PBS Ron Hutcheson may appear later during the meeting and is a returnee to Branch 69.

CALL TO ORDER

BS Connor Chin called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Secretary Bernie Moreno confirmed there was a quorum (11 of 12). BS Connor Chin thanked attendees for braving the cold for his first meeting as Big Sir. He noted the upcoming holidays of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Lunar New Year ~ the year of the Dragon. PBS Lennie Silva reminded us that Valentine's Day is coming in February (Already in the February 8th Agenda). BS Connor Chin introduced the new 2024 Officers and Directors: BS Connor Chin, LS Lieutenant Coopwood, Assistant Secretary Bob Schrupf, and Director Blake Thomson. The new Chaplain/Sunshine Chair is James Aylett. Hal Copperberg is returning as Treasurer and Bernie Moreno returning as Secretary. BS Connor Chin announced today is Secretary Bernie Moreno's birthday. He said we spent almost forty years working together at SMUD. He mentioned that PBS Ron Hutcheson is returning to Branch 69 and may appear during this meeting but should be at the luncheon. He then welcomed the three guests and said we will do their induction during the Membership report later.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

There were no corrections/additions to the November's minutes. There was no BEC Meeting in December. John Popadak moved to accept the November minutes as is and was seconded by Treasurer Hal Copperberg. Minutes were unanimously accepted by those present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were no changes to the report and accepted as is.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

- NOTE: Secretary Bernie Moreno added this section as a monthly reminder of the State SIR's requested routines to be performed by our Branch. PBS Pat Quinn informed that there are "add ons" to the State SIR's site by the individual Branches. PBS/Past Secretary used to do the "add ons". These should also be reviewed.
- BS Connor Chin confirmed that nominations and appointments are completed. He said we are grateful they accepted their new positions.
- Jerry Schroeder agreed to continue to be the Picnic Chairman. All other activities are proceeding as normal. Secretary Bernie Moreno said Jerry Schroeder called him to ensure addressing the caterer's insurance during this meeting. John Popadak moved to have all activities approved and was seconded by Secretary Bernie Moreno. The Board unanimously approved the activities. PRD/PBS Warren Senegal informed the group that all the activities should be verbally announced and to be approved as a whole. Secretary Bernie Moreno read aloud the activities and chairs per the submitted Form 20, SIR BRANCH ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL FOR YEAR 2024. The following changes were noted: 1) Add Ping Pong to Bocce with Bob Schrupf as Chair, 2) Correct Terry Block's name for Pickleball, 3) Add Book Club with Alan Weinel as Chair, and 4) Add Bowling Tournaments with Tod Davis as Chair. The motion was repeated by John Popadak and again, seconded by Secretary Bernie Moreno. Once again, the Board unanimously approved all activities. The Board thanked PRD/PBS Warren Senegal for his input for the proper procedure to approve the activities.
- BS Connor Chin reminded the officers and pertinent chairpersons to read the Annual Schedule of Branch Operations.
- Secretary Bernie Moreno confirmed Form 20 submitted. Will resend with the aforementioned changes and additions.
- Secretary Bernie Moreno sent notice of Branch Records Transfer to Area Representative. The Branch 69 records have been transferred to a thumb drive and still remains on his hard drive. In addition, the transfer of records/responsibilities from outgoing officers/chairmen to incoming officers/chairmen is also complete ~ so I've been told.
- Treasurer Hal Copperberg confirmed Form 28 submitted.
- John Popadak submitted online Branch Membership Status Report. Annual Form 65 (list of members, addresses, phone numbers, etc. due March 1st) was also submitted.
- Secretary Bernie Moreno submitted November's minutes and notified Area Representative of no December BEC meeting.
- Treasurer Hal Copperberg verified SIR State assessment was paid but it changed a little this year. It was based on September's report with 128 members coming to \$320 per quarter. FYI, December's membership was 130. Basically stated, we pay this regardless if membership goes up or down.
- Secretary Bernie Moreno will submit roster as PBS Alan Weinel just picked up the printed rosters this past Monday. Secretary Bernie Moreno will submit both a hard copy and electronic version to the Area Representative prior to the February 29th deadline.
- Audit Chairman George Langford said he's waiting for the reports from Jerry and Terry. Should have them by the end of today. FYI, Form 29 is due February 10th. Secretary Bernie Moreno says we have another issue with the composition of the Audit Committee. Last year we decided to permanently add the Assistant Secretary to the Audit Committee and add a volunteer as the third person. That third person was Bob Kiehne. Last year, Bob said he had personal matters to take care of. We haven't seen him at bowling, meetings or luncheons in months. None of the members have any knowledge of the reason for his absence. Secretary Bernie Moreno will try to contact Bob. May need to seek another volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Program Chairman: LS Lieutenant Coopwood. Today's speaker will be Gregg Lukenbill formerly of the Sacramento Kings and now spokesman for the Sacramento Historical Society. LS Lieutenant Coopwood is open to input if any of the members have a recommendation for future speakers. PBS

Tom Page said in the past there used to be meetings of the Little SIRs of various Branches to discuss speakers. PBS Mark Steffens that hasn't been done for about five years.

- Sunshine Chairman: James Aylett. Thomas Walton is back in the hospital due to cancer and not doing well. Tod Davis's wife passed on January 1st. Jim Happs had knee surgery and visited the bowling guys yesterday but will be unable to bowl for some time.
- Newsletter Chairman: John Popadak. It's going well. He sent out a reminder to the activity chairs, Board members, etc. to submit articles. He also thanked those who proofread the draft for any corrections prior to the final. Secretary Bernie Moreno thanked John for the excellent work he's doing with the newsletter. BS Connor Chin added that the past President Gonzales said it is one of the better newsletters in SIR. All members present also expressed their appreciation. PBS Mark Steffens encourages members to send John articles, cartoons, etc. LS Lieutenant Coopwood asked what format to sent cartoons. John said pdf or jpeg is acceptable.
- Roster Chairman: BS Alan Weinel. Rosters are now available at the front desk. They are free and not tied in to the annual fee. The roster incorrectly lists the 2024 Area 4 State Representative as Lee Lamp. Jack Reefer remains the representative.
- Recruitment and Public Relations Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Not much going on. Our advertisement in the Mission Oaks Park and Recreation magazine with a circulation of 30,000 is not bringing in new member as hoped for. The Golf Expo is not coming back. He is open to suggestions on how to improve recruitment. PBS Ted Patterson encourages members to keep the SIR cards in their wallet to hand out to friends, neighbors, etc. The cards are available at the front desk.
- Membership Chairman: John Popadak. We're at 130 and will add three new members and one returnee at this meeting. John Popadak motioned and PBS Alan Weinel seconded to induct Bill Cozine, Romano Luchini, and Howard Nielsen into Branch 69. It was unanimously approved. The returnee, if present, will be voted in during today's general meeting/luncheon. It was addressed that it is acceptable to induct a new member during the general meeting/luncheon since the Board Officers/Directors should be present.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Bowling Chairman: PBS Tom Page. Will give update at today's luncheon. It's going well. Had a lot of subs initially but it thinned out. We dropped from 14 teams last year to 10 this year. He hopes to up it to 12 teams in the future. There were comments on how cold the Country Club Lanes was yesterday. The automatic doors were opening and closing on their own.
- Golf Chairman: Rick Hom. The 2024 golf schedule is done with 47 tournaments. Diamond Oaks date is still to be determined. Rick complimented Pat Quinn for heading up the golf membership drive. At the end of 2023 there were 64 members but a lot of them didn't play. As of today, there are 67 golfers and looks like most of them will be golfing.
- Dining Out: PBS Mark Steffens. It will be at Vince's Ristorante on January 25th at 6pm.
- Walking/Hiking, Wine Tasting, River Cats, Bocci Ball, Investment Club, Mixed Golf. PBS Mark Steffens has put Walking/Hiking on the back burners. Cribbage going well on the first and third Wednesdays after bowling. They had seven card players yesterday.

OLD BUSINESS

- Holiday Luncheon update: BS Connor Chin. It was sad that we didn't get a 100. We had 81, 48 members and 33 guests. Year before we had a 101. Financially we did well. Dante Club at \$3,035 includes 81 meals with wine. \$275 of expenses for See's candies and paying the extra on the meals. Roses were \$55. Total cost was \$3,355. We collected \$2,025. The projected cost \$1,320 to cover the difference of Dante's actual cost of \$37 over the \$25 charged members came in very close. PBS Lennie Silva commented that his wife was thoroughly impressed with the long stem roses. He also said it good not having live music as we were able to talk to each other and the lunch was excellent.

NEW BUSINESS

- There were no activities requiring any renewal documents, signature authorizations, etc.
- Roster correction noting that Jack Reefer remains the Area 4 State Representative, not Lee Lamp.
- No other business brought to the floor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am. The next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 am on February 8, 2024.

Bernie Moreno

Branch 69 Secretary